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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM CHRISTOPHER

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SUBJECT: EVENING READING

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF TUESDAY'S EVENING READING:

1. TOTH CASE. I CALLED AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN THIS AFTER-
NOON AND EXPRESSED SERIOUS CONCERN OVER THE CASE OF
ROBERT TOTH, THE LOS ANGELES TIMES MOSCOW CORRESPONDENT
UNDER INVESTIGATION FOR RECEIVING "SECRET INFORMATION
FROM A SOVIET CITIZEN." I TOLD DOBRYNIN THAT THE CASE
COULD HAVE REPERCUSSIONS BEYOND THOSE THE SOVIETS ANTI-
CIPATE, GIVEN THE LIKELY PRESS AND POPULAR REACTION HERE.
NOTING THAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF TOTH'S DETENTION SEEM
SUSPICIOUS AND INCONSISTENT WITH THE HELSINKI UNDERTAKING,
I ASKED DOBRYNIN FOR CLARIFICATION. HE SAID HE KNEW
NOTHING ABOUT THE CASE BEYOND THE CONTENT OF THE SOVIET
PROTEST NOTE HANDED TO US IN MOSCOW TODAY, THAT HE HAD
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ALREADY INFORMED MOSCOW OF THE LIKELY REACTION HERE,
AND THAT HE WOULD PROMPTLY REPORT MY EXPRESSION OF
CONCERN.

2. TAKEOVER OF YUGOSLAV UN MISSION. THE INVASION OF THE
PREMISES OF THE YUGOSLAV UN MISSION BY THREE CROATION
TERRORISTS ENDED THIS AFTERNOON AT ABOUT 3:30 P.M.,

APPROXIMATELY AN HOUR AFTER IT BEGAN. A YUGOSLAV SECURITY GUARD WAS WOUNDED BY THE TERRORISTS AND IS REPORTEDLY IN SERIOUS CONDITION. I TELEPHONED THE YUGOSLAV CHARGE HERE TO EXPRESS OUR REGRET AT THE ACT OF TERRORISM.

3. INTERNATIONAL FUEL CYCLE EVALUATION. EXPERTS FROM THE SEVEN SUMMIT COUNTRIES MET IN PARIS LAST WEEK TO DISCUSS THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL FUEL CYCLE EVALUATION. PRIOR TO THE EXPERTS MEETING, THE FRENCH INFORMED OUR REPRESENTATIVES THAT, AS A PRE-CONDITION FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE EVALUATION, THEY WILL INSIST OUR APPROVING THE RETRANSFER OF US-ORIGIN SPENT FUEL FOR REPROCESSING UNDER LONG-TERM CONTRACTS BETWEEN FRENCH AND BRITISH REPROCESSORS AND FOREIGN UTILITIES. THEY ALSO WANT US TO AGREE NOT TO RENEGLIATE US-EURATOM AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION DURING THE COURSE OF THE EVALUATION. THE FRENCH ARGUED THAT, TAKEN TOGETHER, THE EVALUATION PROGRAM, OUR INTENTION TO SEEK RENEGLIATION OF THE EURATOM AGREEMENT, OUR OPPOSITION TO THE FRENCH-PAKISTAN NUCLEAR SALE, OUR RELUCTANCE TO APPROVE RETRANSFERS OF SPENT FUEL FOR REPROCESSING, AND OUR EFFORTS TO GET FRANCE TO ACCEPT FULL-SCOPE SAFEGUARDS IN THE LONDON SUPPLIERS GROUP ARE MORE THAN THE POLITICAL TRAFFIC IN FRANCE CAN BEAR.

IN THE MEETING OF THE SEVEN, ALTHOUGH THE FRENCH CONDITIONS WERE NOT RAISED, IT WAS CLEAR THAT ALL THE OTHER COUNTRIES (EXCEPT CANADA) WERE PREPARED TO SUPPORT THE
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FRENCH. A TERMS-OF-REFERENCE DOCUMENT WAS DRAFTED, BUT IT CONTAINS BRACKETED LANGUAGE, INSERTED BY THE FRENCH, CONCERNING NON-INTERFERENCE IN THE NUCLEAR PROGRAMS OF PARTICIPANTS DURING THE COURSE OF THE EVALUATION.

IT WAS AGREED THAT AN EFFORT WOULD BE MADE TO RESOLVE DIFFERENCES THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS. FAILING THAT, THE SEVEN WILL MEET AGAIN TOWARDS THE END OF JUNE. WE ARE PREPARING AN OPTIONS PAPER FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION ON WAYS TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM OF FRENCH PARTICIPATION.

4. PANAMA CANAL. THE PACE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS HAS SLOWED SOMEWHAT SINCE THE PANAMANIAN NEGOTIATORS RETURNED TO WASHINGTON JUNE 7 AFTER A WEEK OF CONSULTATIONS IN PANAMA. SINCE THEN, THE TALKS HAVE CENTERED ON FINE DETAILS OF THREE ISSUES ABOUT WHICH PANAMA HAS HAD SECOND THOUGHTS OR WHICH WERE HOLDOVERS FROM THE MAY DISCUSSIONS. IN THE NEXT MEETINGS, THE NEGOTIATORS WILL CONSIDER QUESTIONS AFFECTING CANAL EMPLOYEES' RIGHTS, THE AUTHORITY

OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AGENCY THAT WILL OPERATE
THE CANAL, AND FINANCIAL BENEFITS TO PANAMA UNDER THE NEW

TREATY. THEY SEE THIS PROCESS EXTENDING INTO NEXT WEEK
AND POSSIBLY LONGER.

5. MICRONESIA. IN RESPONSE TO YOUR REQUEST, I AM
ATTACHING A SUMMARY OF THE DIFFERENCES AMONG THE PARTIES
IN THE MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS(NOT TRANSMITTED). CHRISTOPHER

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